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AMENDMENTS

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Please withdraw claim 144 without prejudice

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of controlling an effective coefficient of friction between a first surface of a first element and a second surface of a second element, the method comprising the steps of:
 - a. configuring the first and second surfaces to be in slidable contact with one another along an interface between the first surface and the second surface and under a force sufficient to maintain contact and having a static friction therebetween; and
 - b. inducing a repetitive motion in the first surface parallel to the interface thereby altering the effective coefficient of friction between the first and second surfaces, wherein the force is substantially unaltered by the repetitive motion.

(Amended) The method of controlling according to claim 1 wherein the repetitive motion is symmetrical.

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